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Remarks:

The attached memorandum for your signature to Brent Scowcroft responds to his memorandum forwarding the Interim Report of the NSC Technical Panel of consultants which has been reviewing Technological Evolution and Vulnerability of U.S. Space Systems since the Fall of last year. (Tab 1) As you know, a number of activities are underway regarding this topic including a briefing being prepared for the CFI for presentation on 14 May which will address the two most recent Soviet anti-satellite events.

The wording of this response has been reviewed by the NIOs, DDS&T, DDI, and the NRO; and is acceptable to all of them. I recommend you sign the attached memorandum.

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

12 MAY 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

FROM : George Bush

SUBJECT : NSC Report on Soviet Anti-Satellite Capability

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum dated 26 April 1976,
Subject: Soviet Anti-Satellite Capability

1. As you know, the subject of U. S. satellite vulnerability and the evolving Soviet anti-satellite threat is of great concern to me and to the rest of the Intelligence Community. The interim observations of Dr. Buchsbaum's Panel in this regard are in general accord with the estimates and conclusions of similar Intelligence Community assessments conducted over the last year. Currently, an extensive effort is underway to attempt to place these assessments in perspective and to assess the likelihood of Soviet interference with U. S. space systems under various crisis situations. This effort is scheduled to be reported in an Interagency Intelligence Memorandum this summer. It will

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2. As pointed out in Section II of the Panel's report, existing national policy guidance concerning U. S. response to satellite interference, U. S. satellite survivability posture, and operations in space in general, needs to be reassessed in light of our current and planned utilization of space as well as current intelligence assessments. The

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policy question is perhaps the most critical and urgent aspect of this topic and should include consideration of political as well as technical and procedural solutions to the problem. In any event, any action we take in this regard may result in major resource, system performance and political implications. These implications must be carefully considered in the development of future policy guidance. The Committee on Foreign Intelligence has discussed this issue and will address those aspects affecting the Intelligence Community, including the types of near-term actions which appear appropriate.

3. As I understand, Dr. Buchsbaum's Panel plans to continue to address this topic with an anticipated completion date of early fall. The Intelligence Community will continue to support the efforts of the Panel in the coming months as we have in the past. We look forward to the recommendations and insights the Panel will provide. In the meantime, Dr. Buchsbaum and his Panel are to be congratulated for their excellent assessment of this important problem.

/s/ George Bush
George Bush

cc: The Honorable Robert F. Ellsworth
Mr. William G. Hyland
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